

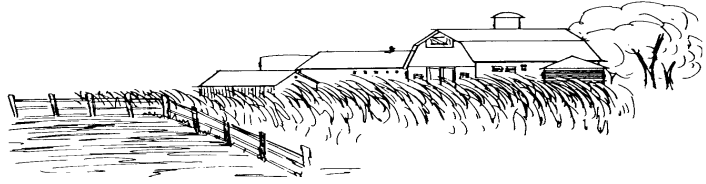


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Small Grain Production

UTAH: Utah production for the 2004 crop year is up for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, other spring wheat and oats, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields were also up from the 2003 levels for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, and other spring wheat, but down for oats.

In Utah, **barley** harvested acres were up from 35,000 acres in 2003 to 40,000 acres this year. Yield was up from 80 bushels per acre to 86 bushels per acre resulting in production of 3.44 million bushels, up from 640 thousand bushels from 2003. **Winter wheat** harvested at 120,000 acres, was down 5,000 acres from 2003, but production was 35,000 bushels higher in 2004. Yield at 43 bushels per acre, was 2 bushels higher than last year. **Other spring wheat** harvested acres, at 12,000 acres, remained the same as 2003. Production was 696,000 bushels, 26 percent higher than 2003. The yield of 58 bushels per acre was an increase of 12 bushels per acre from the previous year. The 2004 production of **oats for grain** was up 27 percent from 2003 to 624,000 bushels. Growers harvested 8,000 acres at an average yield of 78 bushels per acre, 4 bushels to the acre less than in 2003.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** production totaled 2.16 billion bushels in 2004, up 2 percent from the last forecast but 8 percent below 2003. Grain area is 50.2 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 43.1 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from a year ago. Levels of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.50 billion bushels, down 13 percent; other spring wheat, 574 million bushels, up 8 percent; and Durum wheat, 90.5 million bushels, down 6 percent. **Oat** production is estimated at 117 million bushels, 9 percent below the August 1 forecast and 19 percent below last year's 144 million bushels. The estimated yield is 64.5 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from August and down 0.5 bushel from a year ago. Record high yields are estimated in South Dakota and Washington. Harvested area is 1.81 million acres, 7 percent below the August 1 forecast and 19 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend. **Barley** production is estimated at 280 million bushels, up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at a record high 69.5 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the last forecast and 10.6 bushels above 2003. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.03 million acres, down 3 percent from August and 15 percent below a year ago. The increase from the previous production forecast is mostly due to Montana, where harvested area is up 50,000 acres and the yield increased by 8 bushels per acre. For Idaho, North Dakota, and Washington, yields increased from August but are more than offset by decreases in the harvested acreage, resulting in lower production.